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:DECISION GRANTING PETITION

:UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(c)

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This is a decision on the electronic petition, filed December 14,2010 ,under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the 3.5 year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is accepted, and the above-identified patent reinstated as of
This decision also constitutes notice that the fee has been accepted. An electronic copy of the petition and
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